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Listing of Claims:

1.-46. (Cancelled).

47. (Currently Amended) A method of connecting a plurality of devices to a common accessory, comprising:

receiving a first selection signal, at the common accessory from a selection device remote from the common accessory, configured to highlight a first output indicia that is specifically associated with one of the plurality of devices on the common accessory such that the highlighted first output indicia is observable by a user of the common accessory and the one of the plurality of devices; and

establishing a connection between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the first selection signal based on the highlighted first output indicia, wherein ones of the plurality of devices are associated with a predetermined order of priority; and

wherein establishing a connection comprises establishing a connection between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory based on the predetermined order of priority such that a connection between a device having a highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established first if the device having the highest predetermined priority is present and a connection between a device having a next highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established if the device having the highest predetermined priority is not present.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, further comprising:

receiving an input change signal, at the common accessory from the selection device remote from the common accessory, configured to highlight a second output indicia, different from the first output indicia, that is specifically associated with a second one of the plurality of devices on the common accessory such that the highlighted second output indicia is

observable by a user of the common accessory and the second one of the plurality of devices;
and

establishing a connection between the second one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the received input change signal based on the highlighted second output indicia.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein the selection device is remote from the common accessory and the one of the plurality of devices.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein the selection device is remote from the common accessory and integrated with the one of the plurality of devices.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, further comprising storing an identity of the one of the plurality of devices with connection parameters for the one of the plurality of devices and with control data for outputting the first output indicia of the one of the plurality of devices.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 47, further comprising:
reconnecting the one of the plurality of devices to the common accessory after the established connection has been interrupted, wherein reconnecting comprises reconnecting the one of the plurality of devices based on [[a]] the predetermined order of priority.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein the first output indicia associated with the one of the plurality of devices to be highlighted at the common accessory is stored in the one of the plurality of devices and communicated to the common accessory.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 47, further comprising storing [[a]] the predetermined order of priority for each of the plurality of devices for establishing connections to the common accessory.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 54, wherein the predetermined order of priority is based on a last selected first to use scheme.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 55, wherein a record of a last time selected is stored linked to each of the plurality of devices.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 56, further comprising:
outputting an output indicia of a device that was last connected to the common accessory responsive to an interruption of the established connection; and
establishing a connection between the device that was last connected and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 57, further comprising:
receiving an input change signal at the common accessory;
outputting an output indicia of a next device that was last connected to the common accessory responsive to the received input change signal; and
establishing a connection between the next device that was last connected and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 47, further comprising storing [[a]] the predetermined order of priority for establishing connections to the common accessory for each of the plurality of devices, the order of priority being based on an individual fixed priority that is associated with each of the plurality of devices.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 59, wherein a record of a fixed priority is stored linked to each of the plurality of devices.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 60, further comprising:
outputting an output indicia of a device having [[a]] the highest fixed priority responsive to an interruption of the established connection; and

establishing a connection between the device having the highest fixed priority and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

62. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 61, further comprising:
receiving an input change signal;
outputting an output indicia associated with a next device having ~~[[a]]~~ the next highest fixed priority responsive to the received input change signal; and
establishing a connection between the device having the next highest fixed priority and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein the first output indicia associated with the one of the plurality of devices is selectable responsive to a predetermined sequence of input control signals.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein the first output indicia is coloured light (R,G,B,Y).

65. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 64, wherein the coloured light (R, G, B, Y) is provided by means of a light emitting diode (LED)

66. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a plurality of devices to a common accessory, the method comprising:

highlighting a first output indicia on the common accessory, the first output indicia being specifically associated with one of the plurality of devices and being highlighted responsive to a signal received from a selection device remote from the common accessory, wherein a connection is made between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the highlighted first output indicia,

wherein ones of the plurality of devices are associated with a predetermined order of priority; and

wherein the connection is made between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory based on the predetermined order of priority such that a connection

between a device having a highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established first if the device having the highest predetermined priority is present and a connection between a device having a next highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established if the device having the highest predetermined priority is not present.

67. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing a connection between a common accessory and a plurality of devices, the system comprising:

a common accessory configured to:

receive a first selection signal from a selection device remote from the common accessory, the received first selection signal being configured to highlight a first output indicia that is specifically associated with one of the plurality of devices on the common accessory such that the highlighted first output indicia is observable by a user of the common accessory and the one of the plurality of devices; and

establish a connection between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the received first selection signal based on the highlighted first output indicia,

wherein ones of the plurality of devices are associated with a predetermined order of priority; and

wherein the common accessory is further configured to establish a connection between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory based on the predetermined order of priority such that a connection between a device having a highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established first if the device having the highest predetermined priority is present and a connection between a device having a next highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established if the device having the highest predetermined priority is not present.

68. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 67, wherein the common accessory is further configured to:

receive an input change signal from the selection device remote from the common accessory, the received input change signal being configured to highlight a second output indicia, different from the first output indicia, that is specifically associated with a second one

of the plurality of devices on the common accessory such that the highlighted second output indicia is observable by a user of the common accessory and the second one of the plurality of devices; and

establish a connection between the second one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the received input change signal based on the highlighted second output indicia.

69. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 67, wherein the selection device is remote from the common accessory and the one of the plurality of devices.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 67, wherein the selection device is remote from the common accessory and integrated with the one of the plurality of devices.

71. (Previously Presented) The system Claim 67, further comprising:
a storage device configured to store an identity of the one of the plurality of devices with connection parameters for the one of the plurality of devices and with control data for outputting the first output indicia of the one of the plurality of devices.

72. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 67, wherein the common accessory is further configured to reconnect to the one of the plurality of devices after the established connection has been interrupted based on [[a]] the predetermined order of priority.

73. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 67, wherein the first output indicia associated with the one of the plurality of devices to be highlighted at the common accessory is stored in the one of the plurality of devices and communicated to the common accessory.

74. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 67, further comprising a storage device configured to store [[a]] the predetermined order of priority for each of the plurality of devices for establishing connections to the common accessory.

75. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 74, wherein the predetermined order of priority is based on a last selected first to use scheme.

76. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 75, wherein a record of the last time selected is stored linked to each of the plurality of devices.

77. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 76, wherein the common accessory is further configured to:

output an output indicia of a device that was last connected to the common accessory responsive to an interruption of the established connection; and

establish a connection between the device that was last connected and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

78. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 77, wherein the common accessory is further configured to:

receive an input change signal at the common accessory;

output an output indicia of a next device that was last connected to the common accessory responsive to the received input change signal; and

establish a connection between the next device that was last connected and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

79. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 67, further comprising:
a storage device configured to store [[a]] the predetermined order of priority for establishing connections to the common accessory for each of the plurality of devices, the order of priority being based on an individual fixed priority that is associated with each of the plurality of devices.

80. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 79, wherein a record of a fixed priority is stored linked to each of the plurality of devices.

81. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 80, wherein the common accessory is further configured to:

output an output indicia of a device having [[a]] the highest fixed priority responsive to an interruption of the established connection; and

establish a connection between the device having the highest fixed priority and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

82. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 81, wherein the common accessory is further configured to:

receive an input change signal;

output an indicia associated with a next device having [[a]] the next highest fixed priority responsive to the received input change signal; and

establish a connection between the device having the next highest fixed priority and the common accessory responsive to the output indicia.

83. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 82, wherein the first output indicia associated with the one of the plurality of devices is selectable responsive to a predetermined sequence of input control signals.

84. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 67, wherein the first output indicia is coloured light (R,G,B,Y).

85. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 84, wherein the coloured light (R, G, B, Y) is provided by means of a light emitting diode (LED)

86. (Currently Amended) A system for connecting a plurality of devices to a common accessory, the system comprising:

a selection device configured to highlight a first output indicia on the common accessory, the first output indicia being specifically associated with one of the plurality of devices and being highlighted responsive to a signal received from a selection device remote

from the common accessory, wherein a connection is made between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory responsive to the highlighted first output indicia,

wherein ones of the plurality of devices are associated with a predetermined order of priority; and

wherein a connection between the one of the plurality of devices and the common accessory is made based on the predetermined order of priority such that a connection between a device having a highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established first if the device having the highest predetermined priority is present and a connection between a device having a next highest predetermined priority and the common accessory is established if the device having the highest predetermined priority is not present.